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SUBJECT: MBFR: TALKING POINTS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 1977
INFORMAL SESSION

FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR FEBRUARY 15 INFORMAL
SESSION DATA AS DEVELOPED WITH FRG AND UK DELEGATIONS.
AS NOTED IN PARA 44 OF MBFR VIENNA 0030, ALL ANSWERS
GIVEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN USED WITH THE EAST IN PREVIOUS
INFORMAL SESSIONS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM USED HERE.
DATE OF INFORMAL APPEARS IN PARENTHESIS AFTER EACH
RESPONSE.

BEGIN TEXT:

DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR FEBRUARY 15 INFORMAL

1. IN THIS SESSION, WE WILL FIRST ANSWER THE
QUESTIONS ABOUT WESTERN DATA YOU ASKED US IN THE LAST
INFORMAL SESSION OF FEBRUARY 9 AND THEN AS YOU TO GIVE
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YOUR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS WE ASKED YOU ON JUNE 29
AND DECEMBER 16 LAST YEAR.

2. WE THINK THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD SERVE TO REASSURE
POSSIBLE CONCERNS ABOUT A ONE-SIDED DEVELOPMENT OF THE
DISCUSSION, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO LEAD OFF AS A
CONTRIBUTION TO PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION.

3. IN ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS, WE HAVE FOR CONVENIENCE REORDERED THEM IN THREE CATEGORIES. THESE ARE:

A. FIRST, YOUR QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH TOTAL WESTERN FORCES. IT SEEMS TO US THAT, THE MOST LOGICAL QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS FIRST ARE THOSE HAVING TO DO WITH THE ISSUE OF WHO HAS BEEN INCLUDED AND WHO HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM WESTERN TOTALS, AND THEN MOVE TO OTHER AREAS.

B. SECOND, YOUR QUESTIONS ON THE DIVISION OF THE TOTAL WESTERN FORCES BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR, WHAT WE CALL ALLOCATION.

C. THIRD, THE WESTERN COUNT OF EASTERN FORCES.

4. USING THIS ORDERING OF YOUR QUESTIONS, WE WILL TURN FIRST TO YOUR QUESTION 3, WHICH READS: "HAVE ALL CATEGORIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN COUNTING THE MANPOWER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, AND WHAT DOES THE WESTERN TERM "UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL" MEAN?"

5. THERE ARE IN ACTUALITY TWO QUESTIONS HERE, AS IN SOME OF YOUR OTHER QUESTIONS.

6. OUR ANSWER TO THE FIRST PART OF THIS QUESTION IS SECRET

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THAT WE HAVE INCLUDED IN OUR FIGURES ALL UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL CATEGORIES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTION, WITH THE AGREED EXCEPTION OF THE NAVY. (DECEMBER 15, 1976). TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL, REGARDLESS OF CATEGORY, TYPE OF UNIT OR COMMAND, OR FUNCTION PERFORMED, HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN WESTERN FIGURES. (JULY 1, 1975)

7. AS TO THE SECOND PART OF YOUR QUESTION, "WHAT DOES THE WESTERN TERM 'UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL' MEAN", WE WOULD SAY THE FOLLOWING:

WE EMPLOY THE TERM "UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL" TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT OUR FIGURES COUNT ALL PERSONNEL ON FULL TIME ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE ARMED FORCES, AND ONLY SUCH PERSONNEL. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE THOSE WHO HAVE AS THEIR SOLE OCCUPATION MILITARY SERVICE AND WHO DEVOTE THEIR FULL TIME TO MILITARY SERVICE.

THESE PERSONNEL ARE SUBJECT TO MILITARY ORDERS AND
DISCIPLINE AND ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR MILITARY UNIFORM.
(MARCH 12, 1976)

8. YOUR QUESTION NUMBER FIVE READS: "DO THE TOTALS
OF NATO COUNTRY ARMED FORCES INCLUDE THE PERSONNEL OF
MAJOR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MILITARY OFFICES,
MILITARY ACADEMIES, SCHOOLS AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS,
AS WELL AS THE PERSONNEL OF NATO ALLIED COMMAND HEADQUARTERS
IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN THEATERS, ALLIED AIR
FORCE HEADQUARTERS, AND THE SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS OF
THOSE HEADQUARTERS?"

WE UNDERSTAND YOU TO MEAN BY THE TERM "CENTRAL
MILITARY OFFICES" THAT THEY ARE SUCH OFFICES AS THOSE
CENTRALLY CHARGED WITH THE JOB OF TRANSPORT, MEDICAL
SERVICES, OR PORTIONS OF MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE ENTRUSTED

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WITH SUCH FUNCTIONS AND ALSO THAT ALL HEADQUARTERS YOU
MENTION ARE IN THE REDUCTION AREA.

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9. THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS THAT ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN EACH OF THE COMPONENTS YOU HAVE LISTED ARE INCLUDED IN WESTERN TOTALS.

10. YOUR FOURTH QUESTION WAS "ARE THE TERRITORIAL FORCES OF THE FRG, BELGIUM, AND THE NETHERLANDS INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS AND IN THE GROUND FORCE TOTALS, AND ON THE BASIS OF WHICH CRITERION HAVE THEY BEEN COUNTED?"

11. THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS THAT ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE TERRITORIAL FORCES OF EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES, THAT IS, THE FRG TERRITORIAL DEFENCE, THE NETHERLANDS NATIONAL COMMAND, AND THE BELGIAN COMBINED FORCES OF THE INTERIOR, ARE INCLUDED IN WESTERN TOTALS. (IF ASKED: WESTERN TOTALS OF COURSE DO NOT INCLUDE RESERVISTS WHO ARE NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY BUT WHO WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO TERRITORIAL FORCES IN WARTIME.) (APRIL 8, 1974, NOV. 25, 1975, MARCH 30, 1976)

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12. YOUR EIGHTH QUESTION WAS "COULD YOU SPECIFY WHAT PERSONNEL OF OTHER UNIFORMED ORGANIZATIONS EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS SUBMITTED FOR THE MANPOWER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION AREA?"

13. OUR ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS THAT PERSONNEL OF UNIFORMED ORGANIZATIONS EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS IN THE WEST WHO ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS SUBMITTED FOR THE MANPOWER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION AREA ARE THOSE IN ORDER CONTROL AND INTERNAL SECURITY, AND POLICE ORGANIZATIONS. (MARCH 19, 1976)

14. A NUMBER OF YOUR QUESTIONS DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF HOW WE HAVE DIVIDED MANPOWER BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT--WHILE WE ARE QUITE WILLING TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS--WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A SOMEWHAT MORE ORDERLY PROCEDURE TO FOCUS OUR DISCUSSION ON ISSUES HAVING TO DO WITH THE TOTAL SIZE OF THE FORCES BEFORE WE DEAL WITH THE DIVISION OF THESE FORCES INTO GROUND AND AIR.

15. IN THIS SENSE, YOUR SIXTH QUESTION IS "TO WHICH BRANCH OF SERVICE HAS MANPOWER OF TERRITORIAL AIR DEFENSE FORCES OF THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRG, AND UK IN CENTRAL EUROPE BEEN ALLOCATED?"

16. OUR ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS THAT AS YOU KNOW, WE DO

NOT HAVE A SERPARATE SERVICE FOR AIR DEFENSE OF THE HOMELAND.
AIR DEFENSE PERSONNEL OF THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRG, AND UK
ARMED FORCES WHO WEAR ARMY UNIFORMS HAVE BEEN COUNTED AS
GROUND FORCES IN WESTERN FIGURES. THOSE WHO WEAR AIR
FORCE UNIFORMS HAVE BEEN COUNTED AS AIR FORCE. (NOV 25, 1976)

17. YOUR SEVENTH QUESTION WAS "TO WHICH BRANCH OF
SERVICE HAS THE MANPOWER OF THE SEMI-STRATEGIC PERSHING

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MISSILE FORCE OF THE FRG BEEN ALLOCATED?"

18. OUR ANSWER IS THAT PERSONNEL OF THE FRG PERSHING
MISSILE UNITS WEAR AIR FORCE UNIFORMS AND HAVE BEEN COUNTED
AS AIR MANPOWER IN WESTERN FIGURES. (APRIL 8, 1974)

19. THE NEXT GROUP OF YOUR QUESTIONS CONCERNS THE
WESTERN COUNT OF EASTERN FORCES.

20. YOUR FIRST QUESTION WAS "WHAT IS THE CRITERION
USED BY THE WEST TO ESTIMATE THE ARMED FORCES MANPOWER
OF THE WARSAW TREATY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA OF
REDUCTIONS," AND, SECOND, "WHAT ARE THE GROUNDS FOR THE
WEST TO ASSERT THAT THIS MANPOWER EXCEEDS THAT OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE NATO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS BY 150,000?"

21. OUR ANSWER TO THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION IS THAT THE
CRITERION WE HAVE USED TO ESTIMATE THE ARMED FORCCE MANPOWER OF
WARSAW TREATY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION AREA IS THE
SAME AS WE HAVE USED FOR OURSELVES. THAT IS, WE HAVE COUNTED
ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE WARSAW PACT DIRECT
PARTICIPANTS. AS REGARDS THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTIONS,
WHEN WE APPLY THIS CRITERION TO YOUR FORCES, COUNTING ALL
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE WARSAW PACT FORCES
IN THE REDUCTION AREA, OUR FIGURES INDICATE THAT THE TOTAL
NUMBER OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OF EASTERN
DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREA EXCEEDS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
WESTERN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA BY
CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN 150,000 MEN. DECEMBER 15, 1976)

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22. YOUR SECOND QUESTION WAS, "TO WHICH BRANCH OF SERVICE HAS THE MANPOWER OF THE NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS OF POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEEN ALLOCATED?"

23. AS YOU KNOW, WE DIVIDED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ON BOTH SIDES INTO TWO CATEGORIES, EITHER GROUND OR AIR FORCES, ACCORDING TO THE UNIFORM THEY WEAR. WE THEREFORE COUNTED AS GROUND FORCES ALL AIR DEFENSE PERSONNEL EXCEPT THOSE WEARING THE UNIFORM OF AIR FORCES OR OF AVIATION ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE. (NOVEMBER 11, 1975)

24. THAT IS TO SAY, WE HAVE DIVIDED THE PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS OF POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA INTO TWO GROUPS AND ALLOCATED ONE TO GROUND AND ONE TO AIR. THE PORTION OF THE POLISH AND CSSR NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM AND ATHEIR ASSOCIATED ELECTRONIC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT WERE THUS INCLUDED IN THE GROUND FORCE CATEGORY. THE REMAINDER WERE ALLOCATED TO THE AIR FORCE CATEGORY. (OCTOBER 15, 1974)

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25. THIS CONCLUDES OUR REPLIES TO YOUR QUESTIONS. WE WOULD NOW BE GLAD TO HEAR YOUR ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS.

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